Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INDIVIDUAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held a hearing to examine the impact of the individual Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), the separate tax system within the individual income tax system that applies lower tax rates to a broader

base of income and a proposal to repeal the AMT, receiving testimony from Robert J. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Analysis; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Carol C. Markman, Feldman, Meinberg and Company, LLP, Syosset, New York, on behalf of the National Conference of CPA Practitioners; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Service, Leonard E. Berman, The Urban Institute Tax Policy Center, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 2518–2559; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; H. Con. Res. 163–164; and H. Res. 292, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Filed on May 20, 2005: H.R. 742, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (H. Rept. 109–61, Pt. 2);

Filed on May 20, 2005: H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006, amended (H. Rept. 109–89);

H. Res. 243, recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week (H. Rept. 109–90);

H.R. 2066, to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, amended (H. Rept. 109–91);

H.R. 250, to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, amended (H. Rept. 109–92);

H.R. 744, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware (H. Rept. 109–93);

H. Res. 291, providing for consideration of H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–94); and

H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–95).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H3698

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act: H.R. 32, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks; Pages H3699–H3703

Internet Spyware (I–SPY) Prevention Act of 2005: H.R. 744, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 200; Pages H3703–05, H3744

Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act: H.R. 29, amended, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 201; Pages H3705–12, H3744–45